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## CIRCUIT COURT

### HOWARD FOUND NOT GUILTY

The court has been dragging its slow length along. The trial of Dr. G. A. Howard started on Wednesday of last week, and four full days were put in when the court adjourned for Sunday.

On Sunday another point was raised in the case. It is known as McBurney's point and is a sign of appendicitis. One of the jurymen, Wm. Irvine, was the man that was considering this point, and it kept him in bed from Sunday to Tuesday morning, with all the other jurors in attendance. On Tuesday he was able to go to the courtroom and sit in a rocking chair. The trial was resumed and the evidence was in by the middle of the afternoon. A good deal of time was taken in considering instructions, but the argument which consumed four hours started before supper and was finished after supper.

The jury was out until about ten o'clock and came back and announced that they could not agree and so they went back for another night together in the annex of the Marlinton Hotel. The next day they took up the threads of the narrative again and about the forenoon brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Dr. Howard left for Canada on the afternoon train.

So much time was put in on the Howard case which holds the record for length in a criminal case in this county, that most of the other cases were continued or otherwise disposed of. The case of Berkett vs. Hull, a damage suit alleging alienation of the affections of the plaintiff's wife, was called and a non-suit taken. The case of Elliott vs. Wilfong was a damage suit brought by the widow of Kenny Elliott who was killed by Norman Wilfong who served a term in jail. He was charged with having converted his farm into money to leave the country and was arrested for debt and compromised the case at \$1,200.

The court will be kept open for chancery work until next Monday. Judge Sharp will leave that day for Greenbrier where he will hold a grand jury term, getting ready for the regular May term of that court.

He is an Irishman and has come to this country since the frog season of 1916. He was making a trip over Pocahontas roads with a number of salesmen who were breaking him into the game of commercial traveling. He was going up Knapps Creek one day this week and the frog chorus was in full swing. He stood the racket for a mile or so, and it apparently being without end, he begged to inquire what manner of bird was doing that continuous singing!

The St. Alban, Herald, at St. Albans, Kanawha County, was burned last week. The loss is about \$5,000 in excess of the insurance. A lot of new machinery had been installed but a few weeks before.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Ar buckle, of Maxwelton, a son.

## AGRICULTURAL NOTES

BY COUNTY AGENT, BURT JOHNSON

Why not grow oats without smut? You can get larger yields and better oat by killing the disease before you sow your oats. An easy to get rid of the smut, soak oat seed for ten minutes in solution of 1 pint of formaldehyde to 30 gallons of water. You can do this by putting the solution into a barrel, then take a sack of oats and put into the barrel and let it stay for ten minutes then take out and spread on a clean floor and cover with a clean blanket for three hours, let dry and then plant. Or you can spread oats on a clean floor and sprinkle the solution over them and at the same time shovel the oats until they are all wet, then cover with clean sacks or blankets for four hours, let dry and then sow. When you sprinkle the oats it requires about 1 gallon of solution to one bushel of oats. Try this on your oats this year. It is not very expensive. You can get the formaldehyde from any of the drug stores.

Be sure to kill the potato scab before you plant your potatoes by soaking uncut seed for two hours in solution of formaldehyde to 30 gallons of water.

All land that is plowed now ought to be harrowed the day it is plowed so that you can break up all clods before they get dry.

Boys and girls, have you got your land plowed? Now is the time to get busy. Have you answered all the questions on your first instruction sheet?

Richard Collison and Sons have purchased from the Renner Stock Farm at Hartford City, Ind., a pure bred double standard Polled Hereford bull to head their herd and now have him on their Trump Valley Farm at Beard, W. Va. This bull is sired by Bullion 4th, first as yearling Junior, Champion and Grand Champion over all ages at the Dominion exhibition 1913 shown in horned classes. This bull is considered by competent judges of being the best bull ever owned on Trump Valley Farm.

A pleasant social event transpired at Inframonte Cottage, Marlinton, when James Forrest Ray and Miss Louisa Rucker were married by Rev. Wm. T. Price, D. D. These pleasant young persons will be at home to their numerous friends at Clover Lick.

Greenbrier Presbytery meets this week at White Sulphur Springs. Rev. J. M. Walker and Ruling Elder R. B. Slavia will attend from the Marlinton church. A fine new church has recently been completed and the town of White Sulphur will entertain Presbytery for the first time.

The Annual State Sunday School Convention will be held in Parkersburg on May 8, 9 and 10. Preparations are being made to entertain 1500 visiting delegates and the convention promises to be one of the most interesting and helpful ever held. It is planned that every department of Sunday School work shall be represented on an important scale from the cradle roll up to the home department. The primary, junior, elementary, teen age, men's Bible classes, other adult classes will represent various divisions of the parade. In addition to the 1500 visiting delegates who are expected to be here every Sunday School both in Parkersburg, and its various suburbs are to be represented.

## GREENBANK

We are having very cold weather for April 10, and scarcely any plowing done for this season's crop.

Rev. G. H. Echols, the new preacher, preached at this place last Sunday.

Ellis H. Moore and family and his father and mother left last week for their new home at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. We are sorry to lose good neighbors, but wish them a safe journey.

Frank Ervin and family of Arbovale, moved into the Moyer property last week.

C. M. Briscoe and family moved into the Reed property same day.

F. H. Hill, of Paxton, Ill., is here at present. He sold his horse to a company in Pendleton county.

It has been prophesied by some that all nations are at war and that the end of time is very close, but the Bible says when that comes to pass that the end is not yet. What say you?

## BOYER

Rev. L. A. Kelly preached a very interesting sermon to a large congregation on Easter Sunday.

S. G. Edwards has returned from Charleston, where he was called by the illness of his mother.

Emil Latt, who is attending school at Indiana, Pa., is at home for his Easter vacation.

Leslie Ryder and Lillie Rexrode were married last week.

Harry Latt has accepted a position in the company store at this place.

Miss Gaynelle Nottingham spent Sunday at her home near Boyer.

Guy Grogg and Ruth McAnaley were married last week at Cumberland.

G. C. Hamilton spent several days in Marlinton last week.

Z. J. Nottingham is attending court this week.

S. L. Spencer, who suffered a stroke of paralysis, is slowly improving.

The soldier boys, Olet Maloney and Harry Nichols, who spent a few days in this vicinity have been called back to the army.

## FORREST LEE BEARD

Forrest Lee Beard died at his home in Marlinton on Friday April 6, 1917, after a long illness of a complication of diseases, aged 45 years. On Sunday funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church, and his body buried in the Levels. The services were conducted by his pastor Rev. J. M. Walker, assisted by Rev. W. D. Keene and Rev. J. C. Johnson. The deceased was a son of Edwin L. Beard, of Colpepper, Virginia, and was born and raised in Pocahontas county. In 1899 he married Miss Rachel Clark, who with their seven children survive him—Luther, Rice, Laura, Eda, Clarence, Clara, and Sterrett. He also leaves two brothers, Pummer of Colpepper, Va., and Emmett, of Oxford, Pennsylvania.

Forrest Beard was a good man, well liked and respected by his acquaintances. He was upright in all his dealings and his influence was ever on the side of right. He will be greatly missed by his family and the community.

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Keene. Sermon subjects will be "Building the Walls of Zion," "Drawbacks to One's Happiness." For several weeks the evening services have been evangelistic, and have been largely attended. Epworth League at 7 o'clock. Special music at both services. Strangers are always welcome.

Mrs. C. E. Young, widow of the late Prof. Young, of Lewisburg, died at the home of her daughter in Alabama, last Sunday. She was buried in Staunton.

## LOCUST CREEK

Easter came once more with quite a storm.

Farming is the order of the day here now.

Sidney McCoy was at Denmar Sunday.

A. V. May spent Sunday at home.

Quite a few of the Locust Creek people attended the burial of Forrest Beard at Hillsboro, Sunday.

A. V. May motored to Millpoint one day last week; he reports very rough roads.

The primary class of the Locust Creek Sunday school gave an Easter rally Sunday.

We are pleased to know that Rev. W. D. Eyer will return to his charge for another year.

The Downing and Powers log job is progressing nicely.

F. P. Kidd's sawmill will start within the next few days.

Robert McMillon is at home.

George W. McKeever tells us that he was in Beverly the night General Rosser captured the town, as related in a series of articles by Rev. Leslie H. Davis, chaplain of the Missouri Legislature, now being published in this paper. The Adjutant General's office was in the lower story of the house occupied by Mr. McKeever at a residence. He came down stairs when he heard the commotion and found the General on the walk in front of the house. He asked his commander how things were going and the reply was that he believed his boys were driving the attacking party back. About that time the driving party came down the street pushing the Federals back, and down went the General himself, and he was soon captured.

Mr. McKeever then thought it about time for him to move from that place. He went off to one side, out by the way of the jail headed for the bridge across Tygart's River. A guard had been placed at the bridge and the sentry halted him. He said "friend" and was told to advance. About that time the Confederate bugle blew the rally, and as Mr. McKeever advanced in the dark of the early morning, he told the sentries that he had been sent to call them in, and had they not heard the rally call. They put spurs to their horses and the bridge was left open for Mr. McKeever and he went to the woods. He says that as he remembers it there were more men killed than the number given by Mr. Davis. That he was in the town the next day and that he saw five or six dead Union soldiers and several dead Confederates. Most of the stores were destroyed but so heavy were the cavalry horses loaded with store goods that they looked like small covered wagons. Slipping into the edge of town with a few men, Mr. McKeever was able to capture two horses which had been left without a guard. One of them had been packed for the return trip, and Mr. McKeever had enough goods to start a small store. Colonel Cook was shot in the leg by a bushwhacker and had to be left at Beverly, and Mr. McKeever became well acquainted with him.

N. C. B. Kennison died at his home near Hillsboro, last Sunday morning, April 8, 1917, aged 74 years. For some time he had been in failing health. Surviving him is his wife and one daughter. Mr. Kennison was one of our best citizens, a consistent member of the Methodist church, and during the war served as a Confederate soldier, a member of the 14th Virginia Cavalry. His remains were buried in the McNeel graveyard after services conducted by Rev. J. C. Johnson of the Presbyterian Church.

Lewis Wheelery, a highly respected colored man died at his home in the Brush, after a long illness of diabetes, aged about fifty years. He was buried near his home on Wednesday. He is survived by his wife and a large family.

## WARWICK

Farmers are busy plowing. Russell Dilley has moved from August to his farm.

Mrs. M. E. McCloud was visiting at R. E. Dilley's Sunday.

George W. McCloud has recently returned from Akron, Ohio. He reports it very windy there.

There was a football game here Saturday.

Charles Waugh is working at Thorny creek.

Lee Smith was in town last week.

Mrs. Elith Irvine has bought Will Irvine's farm.

Arthur Pifer has bought the J. W. Irvine farm.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Esco C. Johnson, a daughter.

The school at Alderney will close April 28.

John Weiford and wife are at his father's, G. W. Weiford's.

We hear there will be an entertainment at the Indian Draft Friday night.

## CONFERENCE

Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South, was held at Roanoke last week. Bishop Murrab presided in the place of Bishop Hoss, who was sick. The reports from the various districts were most encouraging, especially so from Lewisburg district. There were fifty applications for admission to the Conference.

Conference voted unanimously for a church union of the various branches of the Methodist denomination.

Lewisburg District, R. L. Fultz presiding elder.

Alderson, W. H. Ballengee.

Alvon, H. Mullineux, supply.

Blue Sulphur, K. D. Swecker.

Cliffhanger, E. A. Wilcher, sup.

Callahan Forge and Salem, J. P. Tyler and F. M. Quell, supply.

Covington, Granby Memorial, L. S. Radsall.

Epworth, A. J. Lyons.

Durbin, J. P. Atkins.

Frankford, C. E. N. Hall.

Green Bank, G. H. Echols.

Greenville, J. C. Spender.

Hinton, J. J. Rives.

Hillsboro, J. W. Leggett.

Hillsboro, W. D. Eyer.

Lavelton, J. W. Renberger.

Lewisburg, S. K. Cockrell, W. A. Merrill, supply.

Marlinton, W. D. Keene.

Paint Bank and Sweet Springs, A. C. Brooks, supernumerary.

Peterstown, R. O. Hipes, supply.

Richlands, J. D. Pope.

Ronceverte, T. A. Burch.

Talcott, C. W. Fink.

Union, R. K. Nevitt.

White Sulphur, L. G. Michael.

Williamsburg, C. M. Barber.

Ministers in this section in which all our people are interested were sent to the following charges: Rev. G. W. Richardson, of Union was made Presiding Elder of Moorefield district. S. B. Neel to Blacksburg; H. Q. Burr to Manassas; K. D. Swecker to Blue Sulphur; J. P. Atkins, to Durbin, and R. C. Nevitt to Union.

## IN MEMORY

Hattie Max, daughter of A. W. and One J. Fertig, was born May 31, 1904, and departed this life December 30, 1916, at the Marlinton Hospital, aged 12 years and eight months. Her sickness was of only two weeks' duration, and all her suffering was endured with out complaint, only when asked what hurt her, she answered, my side. She said during her sickness that she would not get well, and asked her father, mother and sister to meet her in Heaven.

Her life was as a rosebud plucked early unfolding. She was too full of life to live long in a state of mortality. She was a very precious child. She loved to go to church and Sunday school. She was at all times in a good humor, and was nearly always going about her work singing and approved of doing right. The night before her death she told her mamma to tell all her friends goodbye—and Oh! she had so many. Hattie was taken into the M. E. Church where she always attended Sunday school, by her pastor, Rev. M. H. Ramey, on about May 9, 1916.

What is home without our Hattie? 'Tis our cottage robbed of flowers, Where our broken bleeding hearts Will spend many lonely hours.

By a Friend.

## A CARD

We wish to express our thanks to our friends for their kindness during the long illness and after the death of our husband and father.

Mrs. F. L. Beard and Family.

Edna McLaughlin has bought the Johnson Place, from Edgar H. McLaughlin. This land lies just west of Marlinton and is a fine grazing property.

## No Eggs, Milk or Butter

The following recipe shows how an appetizing, wholesome cake can be made without expensive ingredients.

In many other recipes the number of eggs may be reduced one-half or more by using an additional quantity of ROYAL Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, in place of each egg omitted.

### EGGLESS, MILKLESS, BUTTERLESS CAKE

1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup water  
1 cup melted lard  
3 ounces citron  
1/2 cup shortening

1 teaspoon nutmeg  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups flour  
2 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder

The old method (fruit cake) called for 2 eggs

DIRECTIONS—Put the first eight ingredients into saucepan and boil three minutes. When cool, add the flour and baking powder which have been sifted together, mix well. Bake in moderate oven in loaf pan (bread tin with hole in center is best) for 35 or 40 minutes. Use with white icing.

Booklet of recipes which economize in eggs and other expensive ingredients, mailed free. Address Royal Baking Powder Co., 125 William Street, New York.

## ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Made from Cream of Tartar, derived from grapes, adds none but healthful qualities to the food.

No Alum

No Phosphate

## DUNMORE

H. M. Taylor had his hand cut badly last week on a circular saw. His thumb was cut off and his hand badly done up. Dr. Spinks attended him.

Mrs. W. A. G. Sharp is very sick at this time.

William Gum died at his home near Bartow Sunday morning and was buried at Arbovale Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Kesler is critically ill at this writing.

Mrs. John Pritchard spent two weeks at Elkins.

The box and ice cream supper at Raymond Saturday night was well attended; everything sold and \$35 cleared for the band. The cake walk was immense.

C. B. Swecker came very near being mashed up by a big casket falling on him in his shop.

Win McElwee is putting lumber on the ground for another new house. Lumber is being put on the ground for a house for Mrs. Jacob Taylor, Jr. Her house was burned two weeks ago with the switchboard. Mrs. Taylor had everything she had burned and the people will build her a house so she will have a home for herself and her four small children.

A little home missionary work would help this woman and her children.

We had a sale at Boyer a few weeks ago and we have never sold buckwheat and rye so high. We think 75 per cent of Greenbank district ought to be put in buckwheat and 25 per cent in rye and if any ground is left build another high school.

June McElwee has bought the Shinnery land at Dunmore—40 acres—and will cut it up into lots for sale.

The high cost of living will make less to eat and fewer dishes to wash.

Lots of good road working weather has passed by and no roads worked. The last two weeks was the time to use the road drag, level up the roads, fill the ruts and let all settle together.

Plant plenty of potatoes, beans and onions this year—they are good to eat.

## ARBOVALE

Mrs. B. M. Arbogast has returned home from Elkins where she had been to see her sister Mrs. McClintock.

Frank Ervin moved into his new home at Greenbank.

Mr and Mrs L. D. Wooddell made a business trip to Marlinton one day last week.

Mrs. Arthur Sutton left Monday for the Hinton Hospital.

Jesse Jody left Saturday for Mingo where he expects to attend a normal school.

Wm. Pugh, of Hosterman spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Marietta Pugh.

Rev. H. Backhurst preached the funeral sermon of William Gum in the Arbovale church on Monday. The body was laid to rest in the Arbovale cemetery.

Mr and Mrs D. L. Kerr, of Top Alleghany, were in town Monday.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Wm. Malcom, of Greenbank.

Mr and W. N. Snedegar have been visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs Joe Beard.

Jesse Shears bought Joe Hammed's team, wagon and harness and is going into the farming business.

H. N. Wooddell spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Estie Wilfong.

A game warden tells that he has been feeding several flocks of wild turkeys this winter and that they are yet attending his fields almost daily. He says the total number is in excess of twenty and that some of them are as large as he ever saw. While they have not commenced to gobble yet, he believes they are preparing to nest where they wintered. These turkeys are in woods that a few years ago had practically no game. In addition there are pheasants by the wholesale, and an occasional deer track is seen. Turkeys multiply so rapidly that a few seasons ought to see our woods alive with them. They have increased remarkably fast since the selling of game was prohibited, considering what a small remnant there remained to make a start with.

## LOYALTY

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right"—Lincoln.

A State of War has been thrust upon us. A united Nation in this solemn hour calmly faces the future with that confidence born of complete faith in American Ideals.

The First National Bank stands united with every member of this community and country to cooperate in every way possible in resisting any attempt to abrogate American Freedom, Justice and Honor.

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